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SUBJECT: MALI-UPPER VOLTA BORDER DISPUTE: LOME MEDIATION
COMMISSION

REF: A) STATE 076032 B) OUAGADOUGOU 1021 C) NIAMEY 1602
D) DAKAR 2297 E) LOME 0797 F) CONAKRY 0480 G) BAMAKO 1325

PARIS FOR MELONE

1. US GOVERNMENT REMAINS VERY CONCERNED BY POSSIBILITY OF
RENEWED FIGHTING BETWEEN MALI AND UPPER VOLTA. RECENT
REPORTS, E.G. REFTTEL A, INDICATE SUBSTANTIAL VOLTAN
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MILITARY BUILDUP AND STRONG DOMESTIC PRESSURE FOR A

MILITARY RESPONSE TO DECEMBER DEFEATS. REPORTS ON
ACTIVITIES OF LOME MEDIATION COMMISSION GIVE NO GROUNDS
FOR OPTIMISM THAT COMMISSION'S EFFORTS WILL BE SUCCESSFUL.

2. ADDRESSEES ARE INSTRUCTED TO UNDERLINE TO HOST GOVERN-
MENT OFFICIALS ON EVERY APPROPRIATE OCCASION US HOPES THAT
MEMBERS OF COMMISSION AND CONTESTING STATES THEMSELVES
WILL MAKE MAXIMUM EFFORT AVOID RESUMPTION OF HOSTILITIES.
ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVIS AND OTHER DEPTOFFS MAKING THIS
POINT REPEATEDLY IN THEIR CONVERSATIONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES
OF STATES INVOLVED.

3. FOR PARIS - WOULD APPRECIATE CURRENT QUAI ASSESSMENT
OF MEDIATION COMMISSION'S PROGRESS AS WELL AS FRENCH
THOUGHTS ON RESUMED HOSTILITIES.

4. FOR CONAKRY AND LOME - WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER
RESPONSES TO REFTEL A.

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